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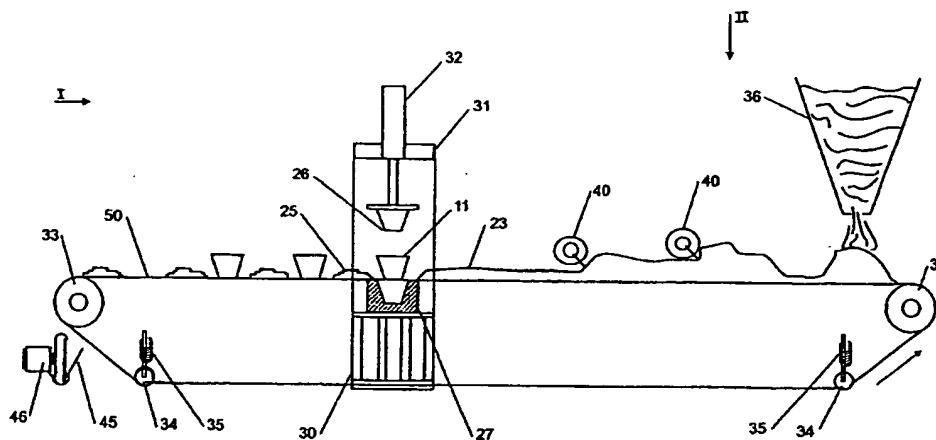
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(57) Abstract: A method for forming three dimensional shaped products from particulate sphagnum moss material including: (a) carrying the particulate moss material to a press forming stage on a conveyor including a belt (50) formed of a flexible and resiliently deformable material arranged move in steps, the press forming stage including a cavity die member (27) positioned beneath the belt (50) of the conveyor and including a shaped die cavity and a co-operating die member (26) positioned above the belt (50) of the conveyor. (b) pressing the section of the belt (50) of the conveyor between the die members (26, 27) and the particulate material thereon into the cavity die member (27) to form a shaped product, and (c) causing the conveyor to step onto deliver fresh particulate material between the die members (26, 27) after each operation of the press forming stage.

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